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SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING INCREASE - TURKEY

REFS: (A) USNATO 4411, (B) USNATO 4246, PARA 18

1. AT THE CCG MEETING OF JULY 5, NATO DIRECTOR OF
MANAGEMENT REPORTED NATO HAD JUST LEARNED THE
TURKISH NATIONAL COST-OF-LIVING INDEX FOR MAY WAS
167.8, OR AN INCREASE OF 43.7 POINTS SINCE
JANUARY 1, 1978, AND ASKED COMMITTEE'S HELP
IN THIS PROBLEM.

2. TURKISH DELEGATE CONFIRMED THAT PRICES OF ALL ITEMS
HAD INCREASED SINCE OCTOBER 1977 ELECTION, AND THAT HIS
AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF SALARIES FOR
NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF EMPLOYEES IN TURKEY WERE
ADJUSTED TO MEET TREMENDOUS INFLATION.

3. AFTER DISCUSSION, REPORT PREPARED RECOMMENDING
ADJUSTMENTS FOR APRIL 1 AND JULY 1, AND INCORPORATING
SAFEGUARD CLAUSE. THE 155TH REPORT (CCG(78)9), WHICH
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WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL DELEGATES, WITH US SUBJECT TO
CONFIRMATION, WILL BE FORWARDED FOR SILENCE APPROVAL
OF NATO DELEGATIONS TUESDAY, JULY 11.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE AND
DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL BY JULY 10.

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5. BEGIN TEXT:

EXCEPTIONAL REVIEW OF REMUNERATION OF THE STAFF OF THE
CO-ORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS POSTED IN TURKEY

1. AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON 5TH JULY 1978, THE
SECRETARIES GENERAL REQUESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE
PARTICULARLY SHARP RISE IN PRICES IN TURKEY, THE
REMUNERATION OF STAFF OF THE CO-ORDINATED ORGANISATIONS
IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

2. THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE RECALLS THAT IN THE 151ST
REPORT, THE COUNCILS WERE ASKED TO AGREE TO AN
EXCEPTIONAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE REMUNERATION OF THE
CO-ORDINATED ORGANISATIONS' STAFF IN TURKEY EFFECTIVE
FROM 1ST JANUARY 1978 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ADJUSTMENT
OF SALARIES OF STAFF OF THE CO-ORDINATED ORGANISATIONS
AS A WHOLE AT THAT DATE (153RD REPORT).

3. ON THE BASIS JUNE 1977 100, THE NATIONAL PRICE
INDEX IN TURKEY, WHICH STOOD AT 126.8 PCT IN DECEMBER 1977,
HAD MOVED UP TO 167.8 PCT IN MAY 1978. THE INTERNATIONAL
INDEX, ON WHICH THE CO-ORDINATED SALARY ADJUSTMENT
PROCEDURE IS BASED, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENTLY WEIGHTED, HAS
ALSO MOVED CONSIDERABLY. SUCH A TREND MAY WELL
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CONTINUE IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT MONTHS. UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE HAS FOUND THAT THE REQUEST
OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL SHOULD BE MET AND HAS NOTED
MOREOVER IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THE
PAY OF LOCAL STAFF HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN ADJUSTED TO
COMPENSATE FOR THE SHARP RISE IN THE COST-OF-LIVING.

4. THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ACCORDINGLY:

- RECOMMENDS THAT FOR THE STAFF OF THE CO-ORDINATED
ORGANISATIONS IN TURKEY, COUNCILS SHOULD AGREE THAT
THE ADVANCE ADJUSTMENT ON THE 1ST JULY 1978 SALARY
REVIEW:

(A) SHOULD BE INCREASED EFFECTIVE 1ST APRIL 1978 FROM
24.1 PCT TO 34.7 PCT, THE LEVEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
INDEX AT THAT DATE; AND

(B) SHOULD BE INCREASED EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 1978 FROM
34.7 PCT TO 60 PCT, REFLECTING THE ESTIMATED LEVEL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL INDEX AT THAT DATE, SUBJECT TO THE
CONDITION THAT, IF AS A RESULT THE LEVEL OF BASIC SALARIES

IS THEN HIGHER THAN THAT WHICH RESULTS FROM THE 1978
GENERAL REVIEW, ANY EXCESS WILL BE RECOVERED BY METHODS
TO BE DETERMINED.

THIS INCREASE, TO BE GRANTED AS AN EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE,
WOULD BE IN THE NATURE OF AN AD HOC ARRANGEMENT AND WOULD
IN NO WAY PREJUDICE THE DECISIONS TO BE MADE AS A RESULT
OF THE 1978 REVIEW OF REMUNERATION. THEY WOULD BE
APPLIED TO THE SCALES EFFECTIVE AT 1ST JULY 1977;

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- INVITES THE COUNCIL TO NOTE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE INTERPRETATION GIVEN TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ITS 34TH
REPORT (CCG(65)5) AT ITS 77TH SESSION ON 29TH JUNE 1966
(CCG/M(66)6), THE REMUNERATIONS OF TEMPORARY STAFF
SERVING IN TURKEY WILL BE ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF THIS REPORT. END TEXT. BENNETT

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